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PRIME MINISTER ALLON

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ALL THE PUBLIC REMARKS MADE DECEMBER 9
REGARDING THE DISCUSSIONS OF ISRAELI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
YIGAL ALLON IN WASHINGTON.

WHITE HOUSE PRESS STATEMENT AFTER ALLON'S MEETING WITH THE
PRESIDENT:

PRESIDENT FORD AND ISRAELI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER YIGAL ALLON MET IN THE OVAL OFFICE FOR ONE HOUR AND
15 MINUTES. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, AMBASSADOR
KENNETH KEATING, LT. GEN. BRENT SCOWCROFT WERE ALSO PRESENT
ON THE AMERICAN SIDE, AND AMBASSADOR SIMCHA DINITZ,
MORDECHAI SHALEV, MINISTER, EMBASSY OF ISRAEL ON THE ISRAELI
SIDE.

THE OCCASION GAVE PRESIDENT FORD AND MINISTER ALLON AN
OPPORTUNITY TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED. THE MEETING WAS CON-
DUCTED WITH THE CORDIALITY AND FRIENDSHIP USUAL WHEN AMERI-
CANS AND ISRAELIS MEET. THE PRESIDENT AND THE DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER HAD A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE SITUATION IN

THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE PRESIDENT STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD ON
FURTHER STEPS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A GENUINE PEACE
SETTLEMENT. HE WAS ASSURED BY MINISTER ALLON THAT THE
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ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SHARES THIS VIEW. THE MEETING PROVIDED
THE CHANCE FOR BOTH SIDES TO REVIEW POSSIBLE APPROACHES IN
THIS NEXT STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

AS IS NORMAL ON THESE OCCASIONS, THE TWO SIDES ALSO REVIEW-
ED A NUMBER OF BILATERAL MATTERS. BOTH EXPRESSED SATIS-
FACTION AT THE EXCELLENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

2. REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY AND ALLON AT 5:30 P.M. AFTER THEIR MEETING:

KISSINGER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I JUST WANTED TO SAY AS ALWAYS IT WAS A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH MY FIREND THE FOREIGN MINISTER -- I SHOULD HAVE SAID "MY FRIEND AND STUDENT" -- WE REVIEWED THE WHOLE RANGE OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS. WE ALSO EXCHANGED IDEAS ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR NEXT STEPS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW, I FOUND THE TALKS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, VERY POSITIVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER COMING HERE FOR SOME ENGAGEMENT IN PALM SPRINGS EARLY IN JANUARY, AND IF THAT HAPPENS WE WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE TO SEE HIM HERE IN WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS.

ALLON: I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO ADD MUCH TO WHAT DR. KISSINGER SAID. I FULLY AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE SAID. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE MOST FRIENDLY WAY, AS USUAL. I ALSO HAD THE GREAT HONOR AND PLEASURE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT FORD, WITH WHOM I HAD A LENGTHY TALK WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE TWO AMBASSADORS, WHICH ALSO HELPED TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION. I CONSIDER THIS VISIT AS PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACHIEVING FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO SUM UP WHAT ARE THE CHANCES, AND I DO HOPE THAT IF WE MEET AGAIN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MAYBE WE SHOULD KNOW A LITTLE MORE THAN WE CAN FIND OUT TODAY.

Q. DOES THIS MEAN, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT YOU DID NOT FIND A COMMON GROUND FOR AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT OR A SETTLE-
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MENT WITH EGYPT?

ALLON: WE DISCUSSED THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE EACH

ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST ARE CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL PROGRESS AND POLITICAL AGREEMENTS. BUT THIS IS PREMATURE TO DECIDE IF THIS IS FEASIBLE, WHEN, HOW AND ON WHAT. SOME MORE TIME IS NEEDED, AND I'M SURE THAT WITHIN A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME WE SHALL KNOW MORE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES.

Q. MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, THERE'S BEEN SOME CONFUSION IN THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS ABOUT WHAT ISRAEL'S POSITION IS ON A DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY IN THE NEXT STAGE WITH EGYPT. COULD YOU STATE FOR US WHAT ISRAEL'S POSITION IS

TODAY?

ALLON: I WOULDN'T LIKE TO GO INTO DETAILS NOW AND HERE. BUT PART OF THE CLARIFICATIONS WHICH ARE STILL NEEDED, OF COURSE, IS THE NATURE OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH EACH ONE OF THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TO MEET WITH ANYBODY ELSE FROM ANY OF THE OTHER PARTIES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS?

KISSINGER: I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS RIGHT NOW, NO.

Q. WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP, MR. SECRETARY, IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS?

KISSINGER: WE'LL THINK ABOUT THIS AND WE'LL COMMUNICATE OUR IMPRESSIONS TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND THEN WE'LL DECIDE.

Q. MR. SECRETARY, YOU SAID TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. DO WE HAVE THIS MUCH TIME TO GO AT THIS SLOWLY?

KISSINGER: WE'RE NOT SAYING WE'RE GOING AT IT SLOWLY; THE PACE WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON HAS DESCRIBED IS THE PACE THAT I THINK IS SUPPORTABLE.

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Q. IS IT ACCEPTABLE TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES, THIS KIND OF PACE?

KISSINGER; I THINK THAT WE ALL RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS PACE AND WE'RE BOTH ATTENTIVE WITH THE CONTEXT OF A PACE THAT WE BELIEVE IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OBJECTIVES. INGERSOLL

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